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APPLICANTS : GRAF et al.
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MANUFACTURE OF FIBER BUNDLES
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

S I R:

The Examiner issued a Restriction Requirement in this application on December 5, 2000. The one month shortened statutory period for response to the Restriction Requirement is set to expire on January 5, 2000.

In the Restriction Requirement the Examiner required applicants to elect between ten species, listed in the Restriction Requirement as Group A to Group J. The Examiner asserted that the inventions are distinct from each other.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants hereby elect for further prosecution in this application the invention of Group C, drawn to a method for manufacturing fiber bundles, and including claims 1, 2 and 5.

Claims 3, 4 and 6-18 are hereby canceled from this application.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4296 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any fees associated with this Response to Restriction Requirement, including those under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17, to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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